

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

# The City Of Augusta

## *Proclamation*

IN RECOGNITION of "NEIL SHORTHOUSE"

WHEREAS, in Atlanta, Georgia in 1971, Neil Shorthouse, President, Communities In Schools (CIS) of Georgia, Inc., Bill Milliken and David Lewis recognized that the reasons students drop out of school were not just related to academics but also owing to community, family, and other dynamics; and

WHEREAS, Their vision helped to pioneer public-private partnerships to bring coordinated community resources directly to students in public schools- called Communities In Schools, but first known as Cities In Schools; and

WHEREAS, Communities In Schools is the nation's leading community-based organization helping students succeed in school and prepare for life by partnering with over fifty-eight school systems and reaching over 65,000 young people in forty-seven counties across the state; and

WHEREAS, Communities In Schools takes a community development approach to supporting education by unifying the existing resources of communities around children, families and schools as a support system; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia Association for Alternative Education and Communities In Schools have formed a partnership and work collaboratively to help young people realize their full potential and take responsibility for their future; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia Association for Alternative Education honors Neil Shorthouse for his steadfast work and numerous contributions to Alternative Education in Georgia for over thirty years; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia Association for Alternative Education will present the first *Neil Shorthouse Award* to Neil Shorthouse during the Spring 2006 Annual Conference in Augusta-Richmond County, Georgia and in each subsequent year the *Neil Shorthouse Award* will be awarded to an outstanding advocate for Alternative Education in Georgia; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Deke Copenhaver, Mayor of the City of Augusta, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, February 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2006, as "NEIL SHORTHOUSE DAY" in Augusta, Georgia, and urge all citizens to join in honoring the brilliance and unyielding fortitude of this distinguished gentleman on improving the quality of education of our youth through innovative programs and initiatives with a community development approach.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Augusta, Georgia, to be affixed this 22<sup>ND</sup> day of February, 2006.

Given under my hand  
This 22<sup>ND</sup> day of February 2006

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Deke Copenhaver  
Mayor

